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SUBJ: CCD: WESTERN GROUP MEETING, JULY 29, 1977

1. SUMMARY: IN JULY 29 MEETING OF CCD WESTERN GROUP
(CANADA, FRG, ITALY, APAN, NETHERLANDS, UK, US), US REP
GAVE BRIEFING ON RECENTLY CONCLUDED ROUND OF TRILATERAL
(US, UK, USSR) CONSULTATIONS ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN.
UK REP GAVE EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED UNGA RESOLUTION TO
DISPOSE OF ISSUE OF NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW),
DESCRIBING INITIAL REACTION OF SOVIET CCD DEL. GROUP
SCHEDULED WESTERN CONSULTATIONS ON RADIOLOGICAL WARFARE
(RW) FOR MORNING OF AUGUST 2, PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF
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US-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS. GROUP TOUCHED ON PROSPECTS FOR
PROGRESS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON POSSIBILITY OF FALL
CCD SESSION. END SUMMARY

2. AT WESTERN GROUP MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 29 (POSTPONED
FROM NORMAL WEDNESDAY MEETING) US REP FISHER) GAVE BRIEFING
ON FIRST ROUND OF CTB TRILATERALS. HE SAID ISSUES WHICH

HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WERE:

(A) PNES ON WHICH US-UK HAD TAKEN A POSITIVE POSITION AND ON WHICH THE SOVIETS AS YET HAD SHOWN NO SIGNS THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO GIVE; (B) VERIFICATION WHICH INCLUDED NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS; INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA; VOLUNTARY INSPECTION; SOLE OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE; AND AUTOMATED SEISMIC STATIONS. (OF THESE US-UK AND SOVIET POSITIONS WERE CLOSE ONLY ON TECHNICAL MEANS AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA), AND (C) LEGAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING QUESTION OF FRENCH AND CHINESE ADHERENCE AND REVIEW PROVISIONS OF TREATY.

3. UK REP (ASHE) DISCUSSED THE UK PROPOSAL ON MDW WHICH WAS PRESENTED IN LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS' REMARKS AT THE CCD PLENARY SESSION JULY 28 (SEPTEL. HE SAID THAT DURING GORONWY-ROBERTS' CALL ON SOV REP (LIKHATCHEV) ON DAY PRECEDING THE PLENARY, LIKHATCHEV HAD SHOWN INTEREST IN THE UK FORMULA INVOLVING A UN RESOLUTION CONDEMNING NEW MDW ASKING THE CCD TO NEGOTIATE SPECIFIC INSTRUMENT IF PARTICULAR POSSIBILITY FOR NEW MDW EMERGED. LIKHATCHEV HAD ASKED THAT THE PRECISE WORDING OF GORONWY-ROBERTS' REMARKS BE GIVEN

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AT DICTATION SPEED SO HIS INTERPRETER COULD COPY THEM DOWN AND SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE UK SUGGESTION TO MOSCOW AT ONCE. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY THE UK SIDE, LIKHACHEV SAID THAT RADIOLOGICAL WARFARE WOULD INDEED FALL UNDER THE RUBRIC OF MDW BUT WAS ONLY ONE SMALL ASPECT OF IT. LIKHACHEV ASKED IF UK HAD PREPARED LANGUAGE FOR A DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION ON MDW, TO WHICH UK REPS RESPONDED THEY HAD NOT.

4. ITALIAN REP (DI BERNARDO) EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT SOVIET INTEREST IN UK PROPOSAL WHICH IN EFFECT WOULD BURY MDW. ASHE REPLIED THAT RESOLUTION OF THE TYPE HIS GOVERNMENT HAS IN MIND WOULD IN FACT ALLOW SOVS TO GET CREDIT FOR INITIATING THE IDEA WHILE DEFLECTING THE DIFFICULT AND POTENTIALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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DIVISIVE QUESTION OF A FULL BLOWN DISCUSSION ON MDW TREATY. CANADIAN REP (JAY) THEN ASKED HOW CAN WE PREVENT THE SOVS FROM TWISTING A RESOLUTION OF THE TYPE PROPOSED BY THE UK TO A CALL FOR A TREATY? THE NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DE KLAUW) INTERJECTED THAT OUR TACTICS SHOULD BE TO GET THE SOVS TO AGREE TO CO-SPONSOR THE UK RESOLUTION.

5. FOLLOWING THIS DISCUSSION US REP FISHER NOTED THAT US AND SOVS WOULD BEGIN BILATERAL MEETINGS WEEK OF AUGUST 2 ON RW IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED IN MOSCOW DURING VANCE VISIT. HE SAID THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH WESTERN GROUP PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF THE BILATERALS AND WOULD, OF COURSE, BRIEF THEM ON THE RESULTS AFTER THE FINAL SESSION. IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD A MEETING OF THE WESTERN GROUP AT 9:15 A.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING BILATERALS.

6. FRG AMB (SCHLAICH) ASKED WHAT WOULD BE THE CHANCES OF GETING A JOINT INITIATIVE ON CW SOON AND WONDERED WHAT THE SOVS WOULD DO IN INFORMALS ON CW SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 22. FISHER REPLIED THAT WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR KNOWING AT THIS TIME HOW RAPIDLY WE MAY MOVE ON CW. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT SOVS HAD ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL TO RESUME BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON AUGUST 16 WHICH WAS ENCOURAGING.

7. CANADIAN REP (JAY) RAISED QUESTION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A FALL SESSION OF THE CCD TO BEGIN WORK ON MULTILATERAL TREATY. THE UK REP SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD NO DISAGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH HAVING AN EXTRA SESSION IN THE AUTUMN, BUT SAID THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONTINGENT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CW BILATERALS AND/OR THE CTB TRILATERALS WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY SUCH A SESSION. JAY, WHO

PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN, EXPRESSED
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OPINION THAT SWEDES WERE FLOATING THIS IDEA, AT LEAST IN PART,
AS A POLITICAL MOVE TO PROVE TO THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT THAT
THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS AS INTERESTED IN DISARMAMENT AS ITS
PREDECESSOR HAD BEEN.VANDEN HEUVEL

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